



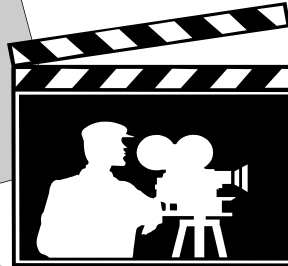
Placer County IHSS Advisory Committee Newsletter



Summer
2005

A Message from the Public Authority Manager

A significant goal of the IHSS Public Authority is to provide consumers with access to IHSS providers who meet the consumers' service needs. One of the ways we have begun to accomplish this goal is by raising the hourly wage of providers and by providing health, dental and vision insurance to eligible providers. We are very proud to announce that another raise in the providers' hourly wage goes into effect on July 1, 2005. On July 1st the wage goes to \$8.25 per hour. We are grateful to our IHSS providers for the valuable service you provide.



Your Newsletter STILL Needs a Name!

We Still Don't Have a Winner!

Join the fun! Give it a name; Give it a LOGO!

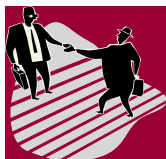
***You** could win dinner and a movie for two!*

Call us with your ideas: 530-886-3680

-OR-

Send your ideas to:

11533 C Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603 - by August 31, 2005.



3rd Annual Spring Conference



On Monday and Tuesday, June 13th and 14th, four members of Placer County's IHSS Advisory Committee attended the Third Annual IHSS Consumer Board and Advisory Committee Alliance Conference in Sacramento. The contingent from Placer County was joined by approximately 200 Advisory Committee members from across the state to discuss the conference theme "Accepting the Challenge: Making IHSS Legislation Work for You."

Conference participants received training to assist them in their roles as Consumer Board/Advisory Committee members. Some of the workshop topics included: "Making the Media Work for You," "Developing Relationships with Local IHSS Partners," "Developing Your Board/Committee," and "Advocacy and Organizing." Participants also discussed creating a formal statewide coalition to facilitate information dissemination and create a stronger voice for IHSS recipients

The second day of the conference brought information about the Governor's budget proposals and several pieces of proposed legislation that would impact the IHSS program. After receiving tips on meeting with legislators, participants were off to the Capitol to educate lawmakers on the issues concerning IHSS recipients.

Probably one of the most valuable and enjoyable aspects of the conference was the opportunity for participants to network and share ideas with their counterparts from other parts of the state. "Newbies" were able to benefit from the experience and advice of the "Seasoned Veterans".

This year's conference was a fun and educational event that reinforced what keynote speaker Senator Don Perata said, "The services provided by the IHSS program are a *right*, not a *privilege*".

*Michael Fletcher-Vice-Chair
Placer County IHSS Advisory Committee*

PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE



Public Authorities throughout the state were invited to participate in a "Gift Basket" raffle. Individual Public Authorities were asked to donate a gift basket that represented their county. Rebecca Hager, Registry Clerk with Placer County's Public Authority created this 'Placer Grown' picnic basket. A big thanks to Newcastle Produce and Mt. Vernon Vineyard for items they generously donated for the basket. Dan Sargent, IHSS insurance broker with Symetra Financial generously funded the project. Thank you to everyone involved with this project.

IHSS Advisory Committee Needs YOU!

Duties and Responsibilities

- Staying informed/educated on IHSS and Public Authority issues.
- Providing consumer, provider and public input into IHSS and Public Authority.
- Participating in outreach, educational and advocacy activities.
- Analyzing legislation that may impact the IHSS program, consumers, providers and/or Public Authorities and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month in the afternoon. Interested parties can complete and return the application found on the inside of the back cover.

Just the facts



- ♦ Research has shown that healthy lifestyles are more influential than genetic factors in helping to avoid the deterioration traditionally associated with aging. People who are physically active, eat a healthy diet, do not use tobacco and practice other healthy behaviors reduce their risk for chronic diseases and have half the rate of disability of those who do not.
-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- ♦ Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) is a major risk factor for the development of cardiovascular disease. Hypertension has no recognizable symptoms. In fact, many people learn that they have high blood pressure only after they have suffered a stroke or heart attack.
-Solutions for Better Aging, AgeNet Eldercare Network (www.agenet.com)

? Ask Eldon ?

Q: I went to my consumer's home for my scheduled time but she did not answer the door. I called her from my cell phone but she didn't answer. Later, I found out that she was out of town for the day. Will I still be paid for my time?

A: Unfortunately not. The State of California only pays for *true hours worked*. That is why it is important that you and your employer mutually respect the relationship. Communication is of the utmost importance.

Q: I just hired a provider. She asked if she needed to turn in all of her paperwork (enrollment packet) before she could begin working for me. Can she begin working for me before the Public Authority gets her completed paperwork?

A: Yes. However, the sooner we receive the completed paperwork, the quicker your provider will be paid.

Q: I hand deliver my time sheets and leave them in the drop box on 'B' Avenue at the Dewitt Center. A sign says time sheets turned in before 5pm on the 1st and 16th will be returned. Why can't I drop it off if I'm done working for that pay period?

A: Technically, you can. The problem occurs when folks drop-off a time sheet claiming future hours. For example, if you turn in a time sheet on the 10th and you're claiming work hours for the 11th through the 15th, it will definitely be returned.

T h e r e ' s n o p l a c e l i k e h o m e .
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A Message to our Consumers...

Placer County IHSS provides domestic and personal care assistance to eligible elderly, blind, or disabled persons who need assistance to remain safely in their homes. IHSS services are provided by home care workers (IHSS providers). The Public Authority and our IHSS Providers proudly offer these services so that you, the consumer, can remain in your own home, living as independently as possible.

Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

1. The consumer is the employer of the worker for the purpose of interviewing and hiring, supervising and training, and, if necessary, terminating the employment of the worker.
2. The consumer is responsible for letting the Public Authority know when a worker is hired or terminated.
3. The consumer is responsible for keeping record of hours worked, verifying a providers time sheet and signing the time sheet.
4. The consumer has the responsibility to be clear and reasonable about what is expected, to be consistent, fair, patient, and to give praise as well as criticism.
5. The consumer has the right to appeal any decision by the IHSS program that s/he does not agree with.
6. The consumer is expected to abide by non-discrimination policies on the basis of race, religion, gender, age or disability.
7. The consumer has the right to ask the Registry for assistance with problems s/he may have with the worker that s/he can't resolve.
8. The consumer and the worker have the responsibility to let the IHSS Caseworker know immediately if the worker is injured on the job.

**Call the Public Authority staff anytime.
We are here to help.
530-886-3680**

Provider Benefits

To become eligible for IHSS Health Benefits, providers must work and be paid for 65+ hours for two (2) consecutive months.

When you become eligible, you will automatically receive an insurance application in the mail.

Currently, 372 providers are enrolled in the no-cost health plan. With only 400 total slots available, there are now only 28 openings for new enrollees. Once we reach our maximum enrollment of 400, we will be forced to start a waiting list. Don't delay returning your insurance applications!

For questions about Eligibility, call Shirlee Herrington at:

530-886-3680

For questions about coverage, call Patient Advocacy at:

877-447-7435



**PLACER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION**

THE FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON: _____
(NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE)

IF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE CALLS FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE MEMBER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: _____

NAME: _____

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: _____

TIMES YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS: _____ DAYS: _____ TIMES _____

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE/PROFESSION (A RESUME MAY BE ATTACHED): _____

ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: _____

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE, ROOM 101, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE _____

THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR PLACER COUNTY STAFF USE
ONLY

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: _____ BUSINESS: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____



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8:00 - 5:00
Closed 12:00 - 1:00
Fridays: 8:00 - 1:00

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888-492-8985

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